

**REMARKS**

**Summary of the Office Action**

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Claims 15-19 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

**Summary of the Response to the Office Action**

Applicant proposes canceling claims 1, 10 and 13, and amending claims 2-9, 11, 12 and 14-20. Accordingly, claims 2-9, 11, 12 and 14-20 are pending for further consideration.

**Objection to Claims 8 and 19, and the Abstract**

In the Office Action, claims 8 and 19, and the abstract, stand objected to for minor informalities.

With regard to claims 8 and 19, Applicant respectfully notes that original claims 8 and 19 do not contain the terms “or the like,” which have been objected to. Applicant however respectfully proposes amending claims 2-9, 11, 12 and 14-20 to more closely conform the application to U.S. standards. Applicant further proposes amending the specification and the abstract such that the application more closely conforms to U.S. standards. No new matter has been introduced.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to claims 8 and 19 and the abstract.

**All Claims are Allowable**

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containing allowable subject matter. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1-14 and 19 for the following reasons.

In the interest of expediting prosecution of this application, Applicant has hereby cancelled claims 1, 10 and 13, and amended claims 2-9, 11, 12 and 14-20, as shown above. With claims 15-19 having been objected to as containing allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of new independent claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn. Additionally, claims 2-9, 11, 12, 14 and 16-20, which respectively depend from independent claim 15, are allowable at least because their base claim is allowable, as well as for the additional features recited therein.

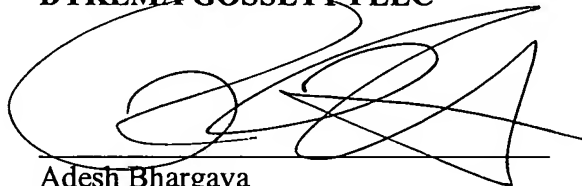
### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 04-2223. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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